

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:22 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 325. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2847. An act to regulate the volume of audio on commercials.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 4783. This Act may be cited as "The Claims Resettlement Act of 2010".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 325. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4006. A bill to provide for the use of unobligated discretionary stimulus dollars to address AIDS Drug Assistance Program waiting lists and other cost containment measures impacting State ADAP programs.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 3, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1338. An act to require the accreditation of English language training programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1421. An act to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp.

S. 3250. An act to provide for the training of Federal building personnel, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 3984. A bill to amend and extend the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Gen. Claude R. Kehler, to be General.

(Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 4006. A bill to provide for the use of unobligated discretionary stimulus dollars to address AIDS Drug Assistance Program waiting lists and other cost containment measures impacting State ADAP programs; read the first time.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 4007. A bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. 4008. A bill to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by imposing additional economic sanctions against Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KYL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 694. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of religious minorities in Iran and its continued violation of the International Covenant on Human Rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3390

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3390, a bill to end the discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 3946

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 3946, a bill to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 3973

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3973, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and modify provisions relating to the diesel emissions reduction program.

S. 3990

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3990, a bill to extend emergency unemployment benefits without adding to the Federal budget deficit, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4727

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4727 proposed to H.R. 4853, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 694—CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN FOR ITS STATE-SPONSORED PERSECUTION OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN IRAN AND ITS CONTINUED VIOLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KYL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. Res. 694

Whereas Iran is a multicultural society comprised of Shia and Sunni Muslims, as well as Baha'is, Christians, Jews, Zoroastrians, Persians, Azeris, Gilakis and Mazandarani, Kurds, Arabs, Lurs, Turkmen, Armenians, Balochis, Bakhtyaris, and others, and many of these communities have co-existed for thousands of years;

Whereas the Baha'i community is the largest non-Muslim religious minority in Iran, whose teachings emphasize multiculturalism, equality of men and women, interdependence, and humankind living in peace;

Whereas vast numbers of Iranians recognize the many contributions Baha'is have made to their society despite facing government-sponsored persecution;

Whereas, in 1982, 1984, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2006, 2008, and 2009, Congress declared that it deplored the religious persecution by the Government of Iran of the Baha'i community and would hold the Government of Iran responsible for upholding the rights of all Iranian nationals, including members of the Baha'i faith;